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1. IN COURSE OF DAS DOWNEY MEETING WITH DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE PATAN, LATTER ASKED WHETHER WE HAD ANY NEW PROPOSALS ON ARTICLE II(3); THE AMBASSADOR SAID WE DID NOT. PATAN THEN READ ALOUD THE ROMANIAN VERSION OF ONE OF OUR PROPOSALS (OPTION 2) OF II(3). AFTERWARDS THE AMBASSADOR SUGGESTED THAT THE WORD "FEASIBLE" BE TRANSLATED DIRECTLY RATHER THAN AS "POSSIBLE" IN THE CURRENT ROMANIAN VERSION. PATAN AGREED TO THIS AND THEREUPON ACCEPTED OUR VERSION OF THIS PARAGRAPH. IT WAS AGREED THAT EMBOFFS WOULD MEET WITH MFT STAFF (STANCA, ETC.) EARLY NEXT WEEK TO MAKE A FINAL COMPARISON OF TEXTS ON THIS SECTION. THE ONE POINT WHICH REMAINS TO BE CLARIFIED CONCERNS WHETHER TO ELIMINATE THE FIRST PORTION OF THE FIRST SENTENCE IN THIS SECTION. IN A PHONE CONVERSATION WITH THE AMBASSADOR LAST WEEK, PATAN HAD SUGGESTED ELIMINATING IT AS NON-ESSENTIAL (EVEN THOUGH THE SENSE OF THE SENTENCE HAD EARLIER BEEN PROPOSED BY THE ROMANIAN SIDE). THE AMBASSADOR HAD AGREED BUT WE WILL VERIFY NEXT WEEK WHETHER THIS IS STILL ROMANIAN PREFERENCE. AS WE NOW UNDERSTAND IT, II(3) READS AS FOLLOWS: "EACH PARTY SHALL ARRIVE AT EXPORT LICENSING DECISIONS AS EXPEDITIOUSLY AS IS

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FEASIBLE UNDER ITS ESTABLISHED ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES AND

IN CONFORMITY WITH ITS LAWS, REGULATIONS, AND INTERNATIONAL UNDERTAKINGS."

FOR OCTOBER 19 MEETING OF EMBOFFS WITH MFT STAFF, REQUEST DEPT PROVIDE US WITH GUIDANCE CONCERNING LANGUAGE CONFORMITY ISSUES ADDRESSED IN REFTEL B.

3. WE BELIEVE IT IN OUR INTEREST FOR MFT OFFICIAL AND AMBASSADOR TO PIN DOWN AGREEMENT OF BOTH SIDES TO FINAL CHANGES IN TEXT ON LONG TERM ECONOMIC AGREEMENT BY INITIALING AN ADDENDUM TO EARLIER INITIALED TEXT SOMETIME IN NEAR FUTURE. PLEASE ADVISE BEFORE OUR OCTOBER 19 MEETING IF THIS PRESENTS ANY PROBLEMS.

4. WE HOPE THAT WHEN IT COMES TIME TO PREPARE FINAL TEXT OF AGREEMENT FOR SIGNING HERE AT III SESSION OF JOINT ECONOMIC COMMISSION, SECRETARY RICHARDSON AND PATAN THAT DEPT WILL PREPARE TI,

THUS RELIEVING OUR LIMITED STAFF OF THIS BURDEN.
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